REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	17 November 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	LL-N1 06b
Other Known Titles:	Photos\Hoskioki\LL-N1\LL-N1 06b
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *LL-N1 06b* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The JPEG computer image file is one of a total of 280 computer image files stored on a Jaz disk and submitted together. The file contains one full colour photograph depicting two fully naked girls lying on what appears to be a bed. Their mood presents as playful. One holds the other's leg up and across her own body. Their genitals are fully exposed and visible, and are emphasised by the camera angle. The image is slightly out of focus.

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, deeming the publication objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). Given the characteristics of the publication, the Classification Office considers that the main purpose of the image file is the titillation or sexual stimulation of adults with a prurient interest in children.

The JPEG image file format has significant implications for the intended or likely use of the publication. This file format allows for optimal reproduction qualities of digitised photographic images. The digitised format facilitates proliferation and wide distribution of the image nationally and internationally among similarly oriented individuals, by private, electronic transmission to suitably equipped and networked computers.

Referring to New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 issues, the application of s3(2) of the FVPC Act deems the publication objectionable. The limit on freedom of expression resulting from the classification is demonstrably justified and prescribed by law.

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